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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN HUMAN RIGHTS SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS

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1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 1975-1976 REPORT ON VENEZUELA, COPY BEING POUCHED EMBASSY, REFERS TO GOV ADVERTISEMENT OF LAST JANUARY 6 DISCLAIMING POLITICAL PRISONERS. AI ASSERTS THAT OF 57 LISTED IN AD, ONLY SEVEN TRIED AND SENTENCED, NOT COUNTING 3 EX-DIM AGENTS NOT ACCUSED OF MILITARY REBELLION. FORTY HELD IN MILITARY COURT SYSTEM MORE THAN ONE YEAR WITHOUT PROGRESS IN TRIAL BEYOND INITIAL FORMAL DECLARATION OF PRISONER BEFORE COURT AND WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES. TWENTY IMPRISONED MORE THAN 2 YEARS, TEN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS WITHOUT TRIAL. AND, AI CURRENTLY STUDYING CASES OF 83 PRISONERS HELD IN MILITARY CUSTODY UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

2. ACTION: APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ABOVE BY COB DECEMBER 14 FOR INCORPORATION INTO DEPARTMENT'S UNCLASSIFIED SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. KISSINGER

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